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1. I HAVE REEXAMINED POSITION OF ASSOCIATE EDITOR WITH VIEW TO TERMINATION OR CHANGE TO PART-TIME BASIS AS SUGGESTED IN RECOMMENDATION F. EDITORS AT BUREAU AND I ALL FEEL STRONGLY THAT POSITION SHOULD NOT BE TERMINATED. LOSS OF POSITION WOULD SEVERELY STRAIN RESOURCES DURING VACATION PERIODS AND LIMIT OUR ABILITY TO OFFER TDY HELP IN AREA.

2. I BELIEVE THAT BUREAU IS BEST SERVED BY CURRENT FULL-TIME ASSOCIATE EDITOR AND RECOMMEND THAT NO CHANGE BE MADE AT PRESENT, THOUGH BUREAU SHOULD PERIODICALLY REEXAMINE NEEDS. HIRING A PART-TIME ASSOCIATE IS LIKELY TO REDUCE QUALITY OF APPLICANTS FOR JOB AND ALSO GREATLY AFFECT ASSOCIATE WILLINGNESS TO WORK NIGHTS, HOLIDAYS AND WEEK-ENDS ON A REGULAR SCHEDULE -- WHICH IS NECESSARY IF ASSOCIATE IS TO REALLY FUNCTION AS A REPLACEMENT FOR AN ABSENT EDITOR.

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